

Day, Blahs Win by a Landslide

trict's 288,887 voters going to the polls by early afternoon. Montgomery County reported a 36 percent voter turnout by noon, while Arlington and Alexandria also said the voter turnout was "very heavy."

Voting officials were not the only public servants swamped yesterday. D.C. police reported "an unusually high amount of street crimes," all occurring yesterday afternoon.

Shortly before 1 p.m. a man was fatally stabbed during a fight in a house in the 5000 block of East Capitol Street, a boy was critically wounded during a shooting involving another youth in the 600 block of Summerset Street NW, an elderly woman was dragged into a vacant house in the 800 block of First Street NW by a man who police said planned to rape her. She was rescued

by passersby who heard her screams and apprehended the man.

Maryland State Police chased a speeding car into the District, firing several times at the vehicle before it stopped; a Northeast Washington grocery store owner shot a man who he claimed was trying to rob him; a man was in serious condition after being shot during a fight on 8th Street NE and a man standing at the corner of 44th and Quarles Streets NE, was fired at by an unknown gunman for no apparent reason.

"It's like everyone just went crazy after lunch," one D.C. officer said.

According to Wavy Gravy and other speakers at the Nobody for President rally across the street from the White House, the nation has been crazy for years.

Gravy, whose real name is Hugh Romney, the founder of one of the nation's last communes — called Hog Farm in Berkeley — claims Americans should quit electing candidates they don't like.

"We jokingly ask people to vote for nobody," said the man who was the master of ceremonies at the 1968 Woodstock Music Festival. "But what if Americans could mark their ballots no? Then the parties would have to keep coming up with candidates until they found someone electable."

In 1968, Gravy ran a pig for president. In 1972, he ran a rock and a roll. He occasionally ate the roll, but always got a new one, he says. In 1984, he says, he will again be campaigning for Nobody.

"After all," he said, "Nobody should have that much power."

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Nobody's perfect.

At least that's what the Nobody for President people think. And to show their support, about 100 of the faithful Nobody supporters and a few onlookers staged a rally yesterday in the afternoon drizzle in Lafayette Park, led by campaign leader Wavy Gravy.

The candidate, Nobody (represented by a set of windup teeth), arrived at the park on a pillow during a mini-tickertape parade and allowed confetti to be thrown at it. Then everyone listened to the entertainment provided by the Flying Karamazov Brothers and Jim Maxwell and the Sundown Band.

Nobody was running on the theme, "If Nobody wins, nobody loses."

'None of the Above'